PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q77131

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Appln. No.: 10/657,103 Group Art Unit: 1647

Confirmation No.: 3399 Examiner: Bridget E. BUNNER

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For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, CDNA ENCODING THE SAME, AND USE OF THEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 31, 2007 to March 31, 2008.

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